

Article 40.

Regulation of Insurance Rates.

§ 58-40-1. Purposes.

The purposes of this Article are

- (1) To promote the public welfare by regulating rates to the end that they shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory;
- (2) To authorize the existence and operation of qualified statistical organizations and require that specified services of the organizations be generally available to all admitted insurers;
- (3) To encourage, as the most effective way to produce rates that conform to the standards of subsection (1) of this section, independent action by and reasonable price competition among insurers;
- (4) To authorize cooperative action among insurers in the rate-making process, and to regulate such cooperation in order to prevent practices that tend to bring about monopoly or to lessen or destroy competition; and
- (5) To encourage the most efficient and economic marketing practices. (1977, c. 828, s. 2; 2005-210, s. 2.)